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Statement By The Chairman

The States Parties to the Treaty on Open Skies have agreed that the methodology for determining the operational capabilities of video cameras shall be placed on the agenda for the next session of the Open Skies Consultative Commission. That methodology shall include the definition of video cameras and the means of certifying those capabilities. The decision on the above-mentioned issues should be taken on its own merit, independently of the operating altitudes of other sensors. The States Parties have further agreed that, during an observation flight, video cameras may be used with real time displays. A video camera shall not record imagery on magnetic tape in the case where it is pointed forward of a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the observation aircraft. When not pointed forward of such a plane, a video camera shall be allowed to record data.